

December 2, 2004

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Executive Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor Hank Kuiper, 1st Vice President. There was a quorum.

Committee Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts	President (via teleconferencing)
Supervisor Hank Kuiper	1 st Vice President
Mayor Toni Young	2 nd Vice President
Councilmember Bev Perry	Immediate Past President
Councilmember Richard Dixon	Chair, Admin Committee
Councilmember Deborah Robertson	Chair, CEHD

Committee Members Not Present

Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia	Chair TCC
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Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Huasha Liu, Acting Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant
Judy Owens, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments presented at this time.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1.1 Approval of November 4, 2004 Minutes

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- BlueStar Solutions (aka Application Management Services, a division of ACS)
- Digital Mapping, Inc.

- The National Indian Justice Center
(Heather Copp, CFO, stated that the \$40,000 will be taken from the indirect and direct project not the general fund).

3.1.3 Approve Amending SCAG's Conflict of Interest Code

3.1.6 Approve Co-Sponsorship of Congress for New Urbanism Conference for \$5,000 Funding to be taken from Growth Visioning work element

Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director, noted that a budget amendment was not recommended at this time because funding was adequately described within the budget for this co-sponsorship.

Councilmember Perry recommended that the Private Sector Advisory Board selected sooner for purposes of working on doing something special for the Congress for New Urbanism, scheduled for June 9-10 in City of Pasadena.

Items Pulled

3.1.4 Approve Sponsorship of the 2005 Clean Cities Conference & Expo

It was noted that this sponsorship is for the National Clean Cities Conference.

3.1.5 Approve Co-Sponsorship of a Environmental Streamlining Conference for \$10,000 Funding to be taken from Environmental Planning work element in the OWP

Mr. Gosnell stated that in addition to approving the co-sponsorship he requested that an OWP and budget amendment be done to ensure clarity

within the work program.

He also stated that there are some co-sponsorships that arise during the year but staff would outline as much as possible the co-sponsorships for the upcoming year.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano gave a brief update on Maglev. He stated that all proposals for an alternative analysis between steel-on-steel high-speed rail and Maglev on the IOS, as a requirement by the City of LA for match contribution, have been submitted. Interviews and selection will take place during the first week in December. An RVP has been released for a Maglev Project Manager through June 2006.

With regard to the LAX Master Plan. He noted that the Aviation staff continues to monitor the progress of the LAX Master Plan, as well as work with LA City Council to ensure that the master plan is consistent with SCAG's 2004 RTP. After approving the Consensus Plan for LAX on October 20th by a 12-3 vote, the LA City Council will meet on December 7th for a final vote on the Consensus Plan.

Mr. Pisano gave a brief report on his meeting with Under Secretary Jeff Shane of a new Federal DOT office of Port Operations to assist the region in addressing the port operations issues. He also discussed with Secretary Shane the upcoming Federal Reauthorization as well as additional action steps that can be taken to assist the region on the goods movement issues. Secretary Shane noted that the DOT has established a new office of Freight and Logistics in the Office of the Secretary. In addition Mr. Pisano also met with Secretary McPeak, Lee Harrington, LAEDC and Jim Hankla, Commissioner of Port Long Beach as well as Tom Warren Commissioner Port of LA to discuss the port Goods Movement problem that the Prime Minister of Japan raised with him during his recent Japan trip.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1.1 Transit Operator Agreements

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.2 Peer Recognition Program

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5.1.3 2005 State & Federal Legislative Program

Don Rhodes, Manager, Government Affairs, stated each year, the Regional Council adopts a state and federal legislative program to guide the Southern California Association of Government's (SCAG's) legislative activities. This year's program was drafted with the input of SCAG's regional, state and national planning partners and the policy committees. SCAG's federal legislative priority remains the reauthorization of TEA-21. SCAG's state priorities focus on implementing housing goals and protecting Proposition 42.

Mr. Rhodes stated that the Legislative Program was to CTCs and others for circulated for comments. RC member Flickinger requested 3 changes:

- 1) Page 43 (Environmental Streamlining) Add bullet to say ***Develop the concept of streamlining or re-codifying the California Environmental Quality Act.***

The EC had concerns with the work re-codify. It was recommended that the word re-codify be changed to "simplify".

- 2) Page 43 (Goods Movement) bullet 2; Urge the federal government to take action to ***improve the safety of foreign trucks traveling on California roads as a result of NAFTA.*** The following was recommended: ***Monitor federal government actions improving the safety of foreign trucks traveling on California roads as a result of the NAFTA.***

- 3) Page 44 (Housing) Working with the Schwarzenegger Administration, seek a resolution to the cost reimbursement issues concerning the RHNA mandate ***at the regional and subregional levels.***

Mayor Young recommended the following: Page 47 (Waste Management) Support legislation that removes impediments to the adoption of transformation or conversion technologies ~~and helps~~ ***that will help*** municipalities maintain or exceed their requirement to divert 50% of their solid waste away from landfills.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to incorporate the aforementioned recommendations and approve 2005 Legislative Program.

Consensus Trip to Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rhodes announced that staff is trying to secure dates in February 8-9, 2005 for the trip.

5.1.4 Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)

Jacob Lieb, Project Manager, reported that there is new segment in the State Housing Law that was passed as part of AB 2158 earlier this fall. This bill allows, on a request basis to the state housing department, to coordinate the regional housing needs plan, with the next update of the RTP. Both in terms of using the forecast and in terms of the timing of the plan. However that portion of the law requires that this request be submitted by the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Lieb also reported that funding for this program is still unresolved. According to the timelines that are currently in law the region is six months behind. This is because instructions have not been given from HCD to start the program.

The CEHD recommended that staff be authorized a submittal of a request that would allow work to begin on the RHNA by mid 2006 and complete by mid 2007. The housing element in the region is due by mid 2008.

It was MOVED (Robertson), SECONDED (Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2004 @ 8:00 a.m. at SCAG Offices.

Mark Pisano, Executive Director